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1. ON OCTOBER 16, 1976 DR. EDWARDS AND MR. SHERMAN OF NMFS, WOODS HOLE, ALONG WITH RFA PEASE, MET WITH MR. WOJCIECH POLACZEK, DIRECTOR OF POLAND'S CENTRAL FISHERIES BOARD IN SZCZECIN, POLAND. DISCUSSIONS RANGED FROM THE CURRENT OPERATION AND FUTURE PLANS FOR THE JOINT US-POLISH PLANKTON SORTING CENTER TO MR. POLACZEK'S SUGGESTION THAT A JOINT CANADIAN-POLISH-US FISHERIES RESEARCH PROGRAM BE DEVELOPED FOR THE NW ATLANTIC.

2. DIRECTOR POLACZEK THEN BRIEFLY OUTLINED A NEW CANADIAN-POLISH ATLANTIC FISHERIES VENTURE. THIS INVOLVES A FLEET OF CANADIAN HERRING SEINERS WHICH DELIVER THEIR CATCH TO A POLISH FACTORY SHIP IN CANADIAN WATERS WHERE THE FISH ARE PROCESSED FOR DELIVERY TO POLAND.

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3. DIRECTOR POLACZEK INDICATED POLAND'S DESIRE TO FORM SIMILAR JOINT VENTURES IN US WATERS FOR SPECIES WHICH ARE NOT BEING EXTENSIVELY UTILIZED IN THE US. IN THIS GROUP HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ATLANTIC HERRING AND MACKEREL AND PACIFIC HERRING AND HAKE. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT PRECLUDE OTHER UNUTILIZED SPECIES. DIRECTOR POLACZEK ASKED RFA TO INDICATE POLAND'S INTEREST TO APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS AND TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT COULD BEGIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. COMMENT: REFTELS ALSO PERTAIN TO POLAND'S INTEREST IN JOINT FISHERY VENTURE AND INDICATE US IS STUDYING PROBLEM. AS POLAND IS IN IMMINENT DANGER OF EITHER LOSING FISHING RIGHTS, E.G., SOUTH AFRICA, OR HAVING QUOTAS REDUCED, E.G., NEAFC AND ICNAF AREAS, THEY ARE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED ABOUT AN ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THEIR FISHING INDUSTRY AND WOULD LIKE TO ALLEVIATE IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE; THEREFORE, THE SHARP INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURES IN THE US.
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